

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2012

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock (arrived @ 5:32), Steve Grube, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger and Nancy Kirkholm.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary maintains a list of news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Directors, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Audience: ESU #1 Technology Coordinator Jim Hopkins

Call Meeting to Order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting site.

B. Board Member Roll Call. Recording secretary completed roll call of board members. Motion by Reinert, second by Grube, to excuse the absence of member's Rich Higgins, Nancy Kirkholm and Kelly Ballinger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling, Reinert, Grube and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to approve the October 9, 2012, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling, Reinert, Grube and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

Member Joy Bock arrived.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (September 11, 2012 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, October Bills of \$339,303.32 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling, Bock, Reinert, Grube and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Technology Update. ESU #1 Technology Coordinator discussed the various technology changes and initiatives that are taking place within ESU #1 and statewide. In addition, he shared the online evaluation system that he developed that is being used by a number of schools and being considered by the State for their new evaluation project.

G. Additional September Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the additional September expenditures of \$34,953.49 to close out grants having a September 30, ending and/or renewal date. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling, Bock, Reinert, Grube and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

H. ESU #1 Budget Planning. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve the recommendation of Administrator Uhing to hire a technology/communication specialist and staff developer as outlined. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling, Bock, Reinert, Grube and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

I. School Safety Training. Motion by Garwood, second by Grube, to approve the training costs for registered ESU #1 school districts participating in the School Safety Training series. The estimated cost for the training series is \$40,000 and will be pro-rated between ESU #8 and ESU #1 based on participating districts. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling, Bock, Reinert, Grube and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

J. Tech Activities. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on a possible visit to the Joplin, Missouri school district to review their one-to-one initiative implemented after the district was hit by an F5 tornado, and the current ESU #1 activities related to offsite record storage.

K. ESUCC BlendEd Initiative. Administrator Uhing reviewed the primary components of the BlendEd Initiative project: 1) Learning Object Repository (LOR) Content Repository System; 2) Learning Management System (LMS); 3) Federated Directory Services System (LDAP); 4) Statewide Professional Development (PD) System; and 5) Evaluation System.

L. Personnel. No changes to report.

M. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 13, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.